

APPEAL NO. 021883  
FILED SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on June 25, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the respondent's (claimant) compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, but not his compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, extends to and includes his fecal and urinary incontinence. The appellant (carrier) appealed on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The claimant filed a response urging affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

Extent of injury is a factual determination for the hearing officer to resolve. There was conflicting medical evidence presented to the hearing officer. The hearing officer, as finder of fact, is the sole judge of the relevance and materiality of the evidence, as well as the weight and credibility that is to be given to the evidence. Section 410.165(a). The hearing officer determined that the claimant's fecal and urinary incontinence are a direct and natural result of his compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, and that there was no causal connection between the claimant's compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, and his fecal or urinary incontinence. The Appeals Panel will not disturb the challenged factual findings of a hearing officer unless they are so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986); In re King's Estate, 150 Tex. 662, 244 S.W.2d 660 (1951). We have reviewed the matter complained of on appeal and conclude that the hearing officer's decision is supported by sufficient evidence.

We affirm the decision and order of the hearing officer.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **AMERICAN MOTORISTS INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY  
800 BRAZOS  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701.**

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Veronica Lopez  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Elaine M. Chaney  
Appeals Judge

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Robert W. Potts  
Appeals Judge